



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

6:00 P.M.

In Attendance:

*Councilor Eric Jarvi
Councilor Mark Cormier
Councilor Ivan McPike
Councilor Allen Esposito, Remotely
Councilor Peter Erickson
Councilor Christine Cubberley*

*Paula Scott, Town Manager
Gayle C. Decker, Town Clerk
Members of the Public*

Deputy Mayor Jarvi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Mayor Jarvi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: *Councilor Cubberley made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded Councilor McPike. Vote by roll call 6-0.*

Resolution: 2021 - 183

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: *Councilor Cubberley made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilor Erickson. Vote by roll call 6-0.*

Resolution: 2021 - 184

1. SIGNATURES

2. COUNCIL MINUTES

- a. 8/23/2021 Special Council Meeting
- b. 9/7/2021 Council Meeting

3. COMMUNICATIONS

4. COMMITTEE MINUTES

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Note: Council will take a five-minute recess at 8:00 p.m.

E. POLICY AGENDA

1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Proposed Shoreland Zoning Map Amendment.

This item was removed from the Agenda.

- b. Proposed Amendments to the General Assistance Ordinance.

Motion: Councilor Cubberley moved to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilor McPike. Vote by roll call 6-0.

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Town Manager Scott spoke on the Proposed Amendments to the General Assistance Ordinance.

Motion: After Council discussion and with no public comment Councilor Cubberley made a motion to come out of public hearing, seconded by Councilor McPike. Vote by Roll Call 6-0.

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Motion: Councilor McPike made a motion to approve the amendments to the General Assistance Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 6-0.

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3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Jarvi reported on the 9/13/2021 Council Workshop and a Special Report on the Environmental Trust Committee Meeting held on 9/16/2021.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Council approval of a “blanket approval” for a Bingo and Games of Chance License for a three year period beginning January 1, 2022 for the Whitcomb-Baker VFW Post 4633.

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Motion: Councilor Esposito moved that Council approve a blanket approval for a Bingo Games of Chance License for a three year period beginning January 1, 2022 for the Whitcomb-Baker VFW Post 4633, seconded by Christine Cubberley. Vote by Roll Call 6-0.

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- b. Request for authorization for the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$30,000 from the Solid Waste Reserve Account (3-777-00) for Transfer Station improvements, referred from Council Workshop.

Motion: Councilor McPike moved Council authorization expenditure amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 from the Solid Waster Reserve Account for Transfer Station Improvements, seconded by Councilor Esposito. Vote by Roll Call 6-0

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- c. Council discussion on changing public notice requirements, requested by Councilor Erickson.

This item was moved to a Council Workshop.

- d. Council authorization for the expenditure of \$18,864.15 from Environmental Trust Principal for reimbursement of eligible stormwater expenses for FY21 – referral from Environmental Trust Committee.

Motion: Councilor McPike moved Council authorize the expenditure of \$18,864.15 from the Environmental Trust income for reimbursement of eligible stormwater expenses for FY21, seconded by Councilor Esposito. Vote by Roll Call 6-0.

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I. MANAGER'S REPORT

I don't have a long report tonight. I do want to make a point of clarification based upon information that we received since the Council Workshop that we held last Monday, which as you know part of a discussion was to discuss hunting on Town owned property and whether or not to remove the tract behind Silver Drift Trail. We were contacted today by Dan Scott, who is a game Warden and he provided the statute to the Town that states that we cannot deny hunting on any Town parcel. He said Towns do it all the time and they are not suppose to. Nor can we limit it to just bow hunting unless we include those areas within a Firearms Discharge Ordinance. So, we had to take the maps down anyway because as I reported I had to remove the parcel that no longer belonged to the Town. We will be creating with our photographer a layer for our website where people can go online and find the Town owned parcels on their own. We may be able to also create a PDF that we could printout for people who are

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requesting those maps. But we are not going to be issuing the packets any longer from the office because we don't need to.

J. COUNCILOR'S COMMENTS

Councilor Cubberley – Enjoy the beautiful weather while it lasts.

Councilor Erickson – No comment.

Councilor McPike – Last week Wednesday, Thursday and Friday I spent at a session with MMA up in Presque Isle with a number of Councilors throughout the State, plus a number of City and Town Manager's that make up the Executive Committee and it's nice to find out that all the other Towns and Cities in the State also have a lot of problems. I come out of that feeling good. I think that we are doing a really good job here in Hampden as compared to some that are larger than us that are having problems.

Councilor Cormier – No comment.

Councilor Esposito – I just wanted to take a moment and talk about what a privilege it is to serve this great Community and serve with the people that I serve with. Thank you.

Councilor Jarvi – On behalf of the entire Town Council and Town Staff I wish to thank the residents who participated on the Transfer Station Committee. It once again emphasizes the importance we place on participation from our constituents. For the benefit of the public it is worth noting there are six Candidates for the three At-Large Council seats, eight Candidates for the four RSU 22 Board of Director seats, but unfortunately only one Candidate for the two Hampden Water District two seats. As a Council and a Town Staff we appreciate the interest of all the Candidates and their desire to help lead our Community. I understand that information on all Candidates will be available even for absentee ballot voters in the League of Women Voters of Maine Publication Vote 411 which is their online Nonpartisan Voter Guide and it will be available for the November 2nd Election obviously, but it is intended to be published so that it will be ready for the absentee ballot voters as well.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: *Councilor Cubberley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Erickson. Roll Call Vote – 6-0.*

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Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Gayle C. Decker, Town Clerk*

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